

If You Need your First Aid Certification, Raise Your Hand!

On Tuesday February 8th Tony Decker will be providing a first aid class to any and all CAP members who are interested. The cost of the class is \$40 and will begin at 6pm (instead of our usual 6:30 start time).

For those of you who need your first aid certification for an ES qualification this is an excellent opportunity to get this taken care of. If not, it's still an excellent opportunity to learn some of the most basic techniques that could save your life, or the life of someone you know.

Registration deadline is Tuesday February 1st so be sure to email Lt Brace ASAP if you're interested!



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KS Wing Winter Encampment – A Cadet Perspective

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This winter I had the honor and pleasure of expanding my Civil Air Patrol family & friends by attending The 2nd Kansas Wing Training Group Winter Encampment 2010. I travelled down to Salina, Kansas, along with C/SMSgt White, from the 26th of December until the 2nd of January. For the past 5 months I have been planning this trip to encampment, where I would give up a week of my winter break, pain, sweat, hard work, and a small fee. In exchange I would receive Physical Training, Drill and Ceremonies, and a lot of "loud voices directed at me". "Psychotic?" You may ask. Quite simply put. Yes. And I wouldn't trade that week for anything in world. I got to meet cadets from Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska,

Ohio, and Oklahoma. I got to improve on my personal Drill & Ceremonies performance. Get the experience of using a Guidon by becoming the Guidon Bearer for the Charlie Flight Falcons, part of Squadron 4 at the en-



campment. I pushed my limits farther in Physical Training. Learned how to properly make a bed, with hospital corners and an 18" total cuff, smile a pillow, organize a locker, arrange how my uniforms were folded, and roll T-

shirts. I mentored younger cadets, and learned from more experienced ones. I had the privilege of helping my flight, filled with cadets of all ages, ranks, and from different backgrounds come together to form a family and team in less than a week. We got the chance of a lifetime on Wednesday to drive down to The Air National Guard 190th Air Refueling Wing and receive a VIP Flight in 2 separate planes to go Fuel 4 A-10 Warthogs on a mission at The Smokey Hills Bombing Range. I was lucky enough to be one of two cadets (out of 50 on my plane) to be able to sit in the cockpit. I got to sit next to the navigator for the taxi, take-off, and most of the flight. I then was able to travel to the back and watch the Boom Operator refuel the A-10. On Thursday we had the chance to participate in an obstacle course.

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January Awards & Promotions

Each month, on the 3rd Saturday during our day long meeting, we take time out to acknowledge all of the awards and promotions from the prior month.

Achievement #6 & Promotion to C/SMSGT

Cadet Taylor

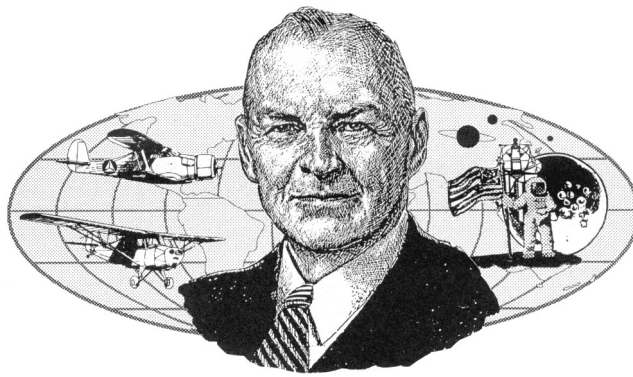
Encampment Ribbon

Cadet Salvato

Cadet White

Red Service Ribbon

Lt Brace



Ranking Up—Achievements and Levels

From cadets to senior members, we are all given the chance to earn promotions and succeed.

CAP Requirements—Have You Done Them?

Effective immediately is a new requirement [handed down from NHQ](#) which states that cadets must now complete the Intro to CAP Safety course. This course, which consists of some Power-Point slides and a 10-question quiz at the end, can be found in e-Services under the Utilities tab and is titled “CAP Online Safety Education”.

This course is now required for ALL members (as part of the Curry Achievement for cadets and Level I for seniors), and Iowa

Wing is asking that everyone complete it as soon as possible in preparation for the upcoming Compliance Inspection (CI).

Moving away from safety, but to another equally important subject, is the topic of non-discrimination. Last spring we conducted an in-class Equal Opportunity training session and we always stress the importance of treating everyone as equals, but CAP has also mandated that its members complete a non-

discrimination statement of understanding via e-Services. This is mandatory for all senior members for completion of Level I and I'm proud to report that we are at 100% completion!

Now it is our goal to reach 100% compliance from the cadets, so if you haven't done this yet, please log in to your e-Services account and do so ASAP.

Cadets — Achievement #8, Neil Armstrong



Neil Armstrong was a Navy test pilot and NASA astronaut who became the first man to set foot on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

In order to obtain this achievement and earn your next promotion, you'll need to complete the following:

- Pass with a score of 80% or greater the chapter 8 test in your Learn to Lead Leadership book. This test is open-book and must be completed on your own time.
- You must also complete a drill & ceremonies performance test.
- Pass a test on one of the Aerospace Dimen-

sions modules (your choice) with a score of 80% or better. This test is open-book and must be completed on your own time.

- Participate in a Character Development forum.
- Complete physical fitness testing requirements which include 2 of the following—sit ups, push ups and sit & reach and 1 of the following—mile run or shuttle run
- Participate actively in unit activities.
- Recite the Cadet Oath.

For more detailed information [check this out](#).

Upon successful completion of Achievement #8 you will receive your new rank for your uniforms and the Neil Armstrong Ribbon.

February 2011

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Meetings

- **1 February** — Cadet Meeting
CPFT & Testing
Red Oak, IA Airport
1830-2030
- **8 February** — First Aid Class
Red Oak, IA Airport
1800-2100
- **15 February** — Cadet Meeting
Aerospace Education
Red Oak, IA Airport
1830-2030
- **22 February** — Cadet Meeting
Moral Leadership & Drill
Red Oak, IA Airport
1830-2030

Special Events

- **14 February**—Valentine's Day
- **19 February**—Saturday Meeting

Birthdays

- **10 February**—Katie Flora

NCSAs Move Into Next Phase

1,670 cadet applications were successfully received for this summer's National Cadet Special Activities.

Units and Wings now have until 15 February to do approvals. The approvals are located in eServices under the NCSA Main Menu, 1 each for units and wings.

Once approved, an application will be grayed out but information can still be viewed under the Application link and the Reports link. The Wing Approval (formerly Ranking) has an additional new feature - wings still have the Green Light but the starting position for applications is APPROVED.

If a wing wishes to disapprove an application, simply use the arrow buttons.

Slotting will be announced prior to 15 March and participants will have until 15 April to pay for their activities.

Cadets Take-Off

Announcing the (draft) "Cadets Take-Off" booklet.

This 18-page handbook is designed to meet two needs that local leaders in the field have identified and been asking for help with.

First, "Cadets Take-Off" is a "tier 2" recruiting resource that can bridge the gap between the 1-page "Learn, Lead, & Serve" recruiting flier and the comprehensive New Cadet Kit that NHQ sends cadets upon their joining CAP.

Put another way, Prospective Cadet Curry visits the CAP booth at the airshow, or attends an informational meeting at his middle school, or his friend, an existing cadet, tells him what's cool about CAP. In each of those situations where CAP is making initial contact with a prospect, the prospective cadet receives the 1-page "Learn, Lead, & Serve" recruiting flier. Then, if and when the prospect takes the next step by actually attending a CAP meeting, the local leaders give him or her the "Cadets Take-Off" booklet to fur-

ther "sell" the Cadet Program and provide some more detail about cadet life.

Second, "Cadets Take-Off" is a student guide for newcomers participating in the Cadet Great Start orientation program. "Cadets Take-Off" provides a general introduction to leadership, aerospace, fitness, character, and other CAP fundamentals, in support of the newcomer's journey from Prospect to Cadet Airman Basic to Cadet Airman.

[Read More](#)

Cadet Testing: What should I be studying?

There has been some confusion recently with the new online cadet testing and what exactly the cadets need to be studying. Upon further researching it looks like cadets need to be studying from the new Learn to Lead curriculum for Leadership and the 2nd Edition of Aerospace Dimensions (for phase I cadets). Please go to the website to download volumes 1 and 2 of Learn to Lead.

Online Testing Certificates

Cadets can receive certificates for passing aerospace and leadership tests online. After successfully completing an online test, cadets can find their certificates at the "Certificates" link under "Modules" on the left-hand side of the Cadet Online Testing module.

Cadet Resources A Quick Reference for Everything Cadet

- [News & Updates](#)
- [Help for New Cadets](#)
- [Information for Parents](#)
- [Promotions](#)
- [Drill & Ceremonies](#)
- [Upcoming Encampments](#)
- [CAP Scholarships](#)
- [Orientation Flights](#)
- [Leadership Curriculum](#)
- [Training Leaders of Cadets](#)
- [Cadet Special Activities](#)

Lunch with Tooey

An interesting story of Gen. Carl "Tooey" Spaatz, from "[A Question of Loyalty](#)," Douglas Waller's account of the court-martial of Billy Mitchell. (Harper-Perennial, 2004, p. 172).

"When Spaatz returned to the United States [at the end of World War I], he took command of the West Flying Circus, which staged aerobatics and dogfighting exhibitions across the country to generate publicity for the Air Service. Spaatz once talked a San Francisco chef into taking a flight with him, holding a hen in the open cockpit, which would also carry an electric grill. The idea was to have the hen lay an egg, the chef fry it on the grill, then serve it on the ground before news photographers, demonstrating the first in-flight meal from chicken to plate. Of course, it didn't work. The terrified hen not only didn't lay the egg, it managed to escape the cockpit and

plunged into San Francisco Bay."

Stories like this one make distant heroes like Spaatz come alive. The first chairman of the CAP National Board was larger than life. He advocated for airpower as if the fate of the Republic depended on it (which he believed it did), but he was humble enough to not take himself too seriously. Today's Air Force and CAP talk of professionalism and propriety and being good stewards of expensive resources. That's as it should be. But personally I think we've lost something in that no leader today would dare have the fun Tooey and the chef and the hen had, before that poor hen took a header into the bay. - curt

Senior Member Training

The following is a list of courses provided to all senior members to further advance their education and training within CAP. Completion of some of these classes is mandatory to promote and complete a level.

Squadron Leadership School (SLS)

is required for the Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Award (Level II).

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Officer Basic Course

is required for the Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Award (Level II)

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Corporate Learning Course (CLC)

is required for the Grover Loening Aerospace Award (Level III).

Available online, [sign up here](#).

Unit Commander's Course (UCC)

is advised for those wishing to serve on the Command Staff.

Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC)

is a component of the Cadet Programs Officer Specialty Track



Senior Members

What keeps a good squadron on its feet and prepared at all times is a well trained and knowledgeable staff.

Professional Development Goals for 2011

This year we're placing a big emphasis on senior member training. Recently I sent out an email regarding Professional Development and the goals we've set for the 2011 calendar year, which include:

- **Specialty Track Rating** When was the last time you attained a specialty track rating? If you don't have a rating, we'd like to see you get technician. If you're at technician now, we'd like to see you attain a senior rating. And if you're at senior now, we'd like to see you attain a master rating. [Click here](#) to see the requirements needed to attain your next rating.
- **Officer Basic Course** This course is based

completely online and is self-paced so you can complete it when you have time. Each person is given 3 months to complete this course and once done, you've satisfied one of your requirements for attaining Level II and the Benjamin O. Davis Award. See the link over to the left under "Training" for the link to sign up.

To help aid us in these goals we will making the 3rd Saturday of each month a senior member meeting. Please bring a laptop (if you have one) and any materials related to your duty position(s) and/or specialty track.

Important Updates . . .

Forms & Regulations Updates

- CAPR 52-16—[Cadet Program Management](#)
- CAPP 52-8—[Unit Honor Guard Program](#)
- CAPR 190-1—[Public Affairs Program](#)
- CAPP 50-10—[New Horizons Guide for Cadet to Senior Member Transition](#)
- CAPR 77-1—[Operation and Maintenance of CAP Vehicles](#)
- CAPR 62-2—[Mishap Reporting & Investigation](#)

Specialty Track Updates

Public Affairs Changes are still being made to this specialty track including a new online test which will most likely be required for the technician rating as it is meant to be a replacement for the ECI CAP Public

Affairs Officer correspondence course. Until that test is done and ready for the masses, the requirement has been pulled.

Misc Updates

- [Aircraft Scheduling Module and Flight Schedule Pro](#)
- [New Level I Requirement](#)—For those of you who haven't yet completed the Intro to CAP Safety course, regardless of whether or not you've completed Level I, you NEED to do this!
- Wing will be conducting a scanner/observer ground school in March at Ankeny. If you're interested, you need to let Lt Erickson know ASAP.

CAP 2010 Year In Review

2010 Civil Air Patrol Highlights

- 467 finds / 113 saves in FY10
- Membership grew to more than 61,000
- Tens of thousands of aerial photos were taken to assist with the Gulf oil spill
- Second Surrogate Predator operational base opened in Las Vegas, NV
- CAP executed 100% of its Federal budget for the fourth year in a row
- Safety and accountability have increased through WMIRS electronic flight release and aircraft discrepancy reporting tools
- First annual inventory conducted successfully using new ORMS system
- Second unqualified A+ audit opinion
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For the complete 2010 Year in Review report, see Lt Brace.

What's New?

 **Facebook** For those of you who haven't heard, we have our own page on Facebook! We post photos, notes about upcoming events (including meeting cancellations), important news, etc. so be sure to "Like" us so you can keep up.

 **WordPress** In addition to our new social media venue, we've also instituted an online blog via a Wordpress account. When all is said and done, the blog will be incorporated into our website, but for now we'll point you in a different direction for this. For an RSS feed of our blog (new posts delivered right into your email inbox), [click here](#).

Iowa Wing Website Also new as of January 2011 is the Wing Website. Not only is it at a new address (www.iawgcap.com), but it also has a brand-spankin' new look to it too. Go, check it out, see what's new!

Stay tuned for more. . .

Quality Cadet Unit Award



pointed in the right direction... What's measured tends to be what gets done: Enter the Quality Cadet Unit Award.

Any cadet unit that displays strong program fundamentals can earn the [Quality Cadet Unit Award](#). This new award motivates squadrons to pursue goals that we think will inevitably lead to their having a vibrant Cadet Program. The Quality Cadet Unit Award is purely objective. Cadet and composite squadrons who meet the challenging criteria as of 31 December

Let's celebrate those squadrons that have strong program fundamentals... Let's get even more squadrons

each year (beginning this year) automatically earn the award. There's no application process -- every cadet unit is entered automatically.

Faithful readers of the Cadet Blog might remember we floated the idea of the QCUA back in 2009 in our "[Slumdog vs. Tooev Spaatz](#)" posting. Over 80% of respondents to our informal poll supported the award's concept, so we're hopeful that the QCUA will prove to be a popular and effective award program. Reports & tracking tools will be in eservices soon.

Stay tuned for the QCUA inaugural year winners to be announced in January 2011.

[Read More](#)